

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Key Colony Beach City Hall

December 10, 2002

FINAL MINUTES

Members Present

Fran Decker	Ken Nedimyer
Richard Grathwohl	George Neugent
Debra Harrison	Bruce Popham
Don Kincaid	Anita Schwessinger
Nancy Klingener	Deborah Shaw
Duncan Mathewson	
Martin Moe	

Alternates Present

Jody Thomas

Call to Order

Chair Neugent called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Approval of Minutes/Adoption of Agenda

The Minutes of the October 15, 2002 Council meeting were approved as presented. Ms. Harrison requested that the agenda be amended to discuss the Council adopting a position of support for an increased boater registration fee to offset boater impacts to Sanctuary resources to be considered by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on December 18, 2002 in Marathon. Chair Neugent requested that Sanctuary Superintendent Billy Causey provide details of the reef named for Doug Cooper in the Tortugas Ecological Reserve. The Agenda was adopted as amended.

Introduction

Billy Causey recognized Rafaela Monchek, the Department of Interior's representative for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force.

Public Comment

Steve Davidson described a website maintained by the University of Florida that makes digital aerial photographs available online for the entire State of Florida. He recently used it (www.labins.org) to prepare a map of Lignumvitae Key for Sanctuary staff monitoring seagrass recovery. He can be contacted at 293-6921 or Sccdkw@bellsouth.net.

Rick Trout with the Marine Mammal Conservancy provided some history of marine mammal stranding responses nationally and an update on the status of the volunteer